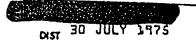
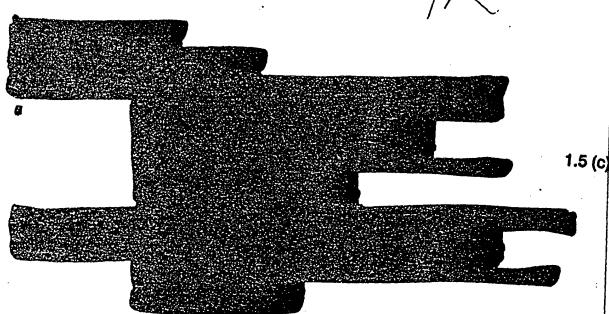


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1. DURING THE LAST WEEK OF JULY,

SAID THAT

INSTRUCTIONS FROM POPE PAUL

TO TAKE EVERY APPROPRIATE STEP TO INVESTIGATE THE RECENT ARGENTINE AND BRAZILIAN PRESS ARTICLES ON THE DEATHS OR DISAPPEARANCE OF A LARGE NUMBER (119) OF CHILEAN EXTREMISTS.

ALLEGEDLY OUTSIDE OF CHILE, SAID THAT THE PRESS

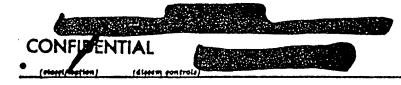
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ARTICLES HAVE SPURRED INTERNATIONAL INTEREST ONCE AGAIN IN THE QUESTION OF DEATHS POSSIBLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE JUNTA GOVERNMENT.

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2. POPE PAUL HAS INSTRUCTED THE CHURCH HORLD-WIDE TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT IN AN ATTEMPT TO LEARN THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER. THE EFFORT BY THE CHURCH IN CHILE WILL BE CHANNELED THROUGH THE PAPAL NUNCIO, WHO IN TURN WILL WORK WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. COMMENTS SEE SANTIAGO EMBASSY TELEGRAMS 5115 OF 23 JULY, 5185 OF 25 JULY AND 5190 OF 25 JULY FOR DETAILS OF THE DEATH LISTS PUBLISHED IN ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT OVER- 100- OF. THE PERSONS CITED WERE INCLUDED ON A LIST OF 166 "DISAPPEARED" PERSONS, WHICH THE CHILEAN INTER-DENOMINATIONAL PEACE COMMITTEE HAD PRESENTED TO THE SUPREME COURT IN MAY 1975 IN AN APPEAL FOR A GENERAL INVESTIGATION SINCE HOST HAD BEEN THE SUBJECTS OF HABEAS CORPUS REQUESTS.)

3. OPINED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE EXTREMISTS LISTED AS DEAD IN THE ARTICLES HAD PROBABLY BEEN HELD BY. AIR FORCE SECURITY ELEMENTS. HE SAID HE BASED HIS JUDGEMENT

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WHO WERE HORKING AT THAT TIME AGAINST THE MOVEMENT

OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR). ACCORDING TO

THAT IF A TRUCE COULD NOT BE

ARRANGED WITH THE MIR, THEN THE MIR HOULD BE EXTERMINATED.

SAID THAT, IN ADDITION, THE INFORMATION HE HAS ABOUT

THE LISTS OF DEAD INDICATES THAT MANY WERE REPORTEDLY

ARRESTED IN OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1974, WHEN THE GOVERNMENT HAS

INVOLVED IN AN ALL-OUT OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE MIR FOLLOWING

THE DEATH OF MIR SECRETARY GENERAL MIGUEL E N R 1 Q U E 2.

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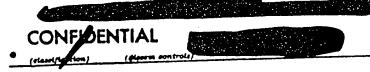
IN CHILE SPECULATE THAT

THE INFORMATION HAS GIVEN TO THE PRESS BY EITHER THE MIR

OR THE UNITED NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (UNHRC) WHICH

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WAS RECENTLY REFUSED ENTRY INTO CHILE, OR EVEN BY MEMBERS

OF THE PEACE COMMITTEE ITSELF, IN AN EFFORT TO BRING PRESSURE

TO BEAR ON THE JUNTA GOVERNMENT TO DISCLOSE THE DESTINY OF

THE MISSING PERSONS. AS BASIS FOR THEIR SPECULATION.

POINTED TO THE FACT THAT PRIOR TO

CANCELLATION OF THE UNHRC VISIT, FAMILY MEMBERS OF ALL THE

MISSING PERSONS HAD INDICATED TO THE PEACE COMMITTEE THEIR

DESIRE: TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE UNHRC.

POSSIBILITY THAT THE GOVERNMENT PLANTED THE STORY, ON THE BASIS THAT IT WOULD BE FOOLISH TO PLANT INFORMATION WHICH WAS INHERENTLY DETRIHENTAL TO THE GOVERNMENT. COMMENT: SANTIAGO EMBASSY TELEGRAM 5190 REPORTED THAT MEMBERS OF THE PEACE COMMITTEE SPECULATED THAT WITH THE IMPENDING UNHRC VISIT, THE SECURITY FORCES MAY HAVE FELT PRESSURED TO ACCOUNT SOMEHOW FOR THE 166 MISSING PERSONS WHO WERE BELIEVED TO BE IN GOVERNMENT HANDS. WITH REGARD TO THIS LATTER THEORY, IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE UNHRC VISIT HAS CANCELLED ON 4 JULY AND THE FIRST PRESS ARTICLE DID NOT APPEAR UNTIL 22 JULY.)

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